

BEFORE THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the matter of Applications 4489 - 4539 - 4551 - 4552 -  
4804 - 4874 - 4977 to appropriate from Los Alamos  
Creek in Santa Barbara County for irrigation,  
stock watering and domestic purposes.

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DECISION A. 4489, 4539, 4551, 4552, 4804, 4874, 4977, . D 288

Decided *May 8, 1931*

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APPEARANCES AT HEARING HELD AT SANTA MARIA, APRIL 21, 1931.

For applicants C. L. Preisker, Attorney

For protestants C. L. Preisker, Attorney

EXAMINER: Gordon Zander, Hydraulic Engineer  
Division of Water Resources.

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O P I N I O N

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECTS

All seven of the above numbered applications contemplate the appropriation of water from Los Alamos Creek (sometimes called San Antonio Creek) in Santa Barbara County, or from wells in the vicinity of said creek as follows:

Application 4489, by R. E. Easton, contemplates the appropriation of 1.46 cubic feet per second from Los Alamos Creek for the irrigation of 116.6 acres of land.

Application 4539, by Charles M. Careaga, contemplates the appropriation of 0.55 cubic foot per second from Los Alamos Creek for the irrigation of 45.5 acres of land.

Application 4551, by B. F. Barca, contemplates the appropriation of 0.44 cubic foot per second from Los Alamos Creek for the irrigation of 35.1 acres of land.

Application 4552, by B. F. Barca, contemplates the appropriation of 2.00 cubic feet per second from a well tapping an underground source adjacent to Los Alamos Creek, for the irrigation of 165.4 acres of land.

Application 4874, by J. G. Reinhart, contemplates the appropriation of 0.73 cubic foot per second from Los Alamos Creek for the irrigation of 58.4 acres of land.

Application 4804, by Maria Careaga, contemplates the appropriation of 0.023 cubic foot per second from Los Alamos Creek for the watering of 1,000 head of stock.

Application 4977, by J. G. Reinhart, contemplates the appropriation of 0.73 cubic foot per second from the underground channel of Los Alamos Creek, for the irrigation of 58.4 acres of land.

The first six of the above enumerated applications have been advertised. Application 4977 is not yet in form for advertising but was included in the hearing.

#### PROTESTS

All of the above numbered applications were interprotested by various of the above named applicants. Protestants allege that the

continual flow of Los Alamos Creek is only sufficient to provide for stockwatering and domestic uses and that the use of this flow for irrigation purposes will dry up the creek.

HEARING SET IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1a OF THE WATER  
COMMISSION ACT

Applications 4489 - 4539 - 4551 - 4552- 4804 and 4874 were completed in accordance with the Water Commission Act and the requirements of the Rules and Regulations of the Division of Water Resources and being protested were set for public hearing in accordance with Section 1a of the Water Commission Act on April 21, 1931 at 10:00 o'clock A. M. in Conference Room, Knights of Pythias Building, Santa Maria, California.

Application 4977 was not completed but being in conflict with above numbered applications was also set for hearing at the same time and place. Of this hearing applicants and record protestants were duly notified.

MATTERS IN CONTROVERSY SETTLED BY STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES

On June 7, 1927, this office received an order from the Superior Court of Santa Barbara County, referring to it the case of John G. Reinhart vs. R. E. Easton, et al. for investigation as referee. This case included as parties all applicants and protestants against the above numbered applications. During the course of the hearing of April 21, 1931 a stipulation was entered into by the parties in interest according to the terms of which contestants requested that Applications 4489-4539 - 4551 - 4804 and 4874 be cancelled and protests against Application 4552 were withdrawn and request was made that Application 4977 be considered and granted. Action on Application 4977 should be deferred until its completion and advertising.

O R D E R

Applications 4489 - 4539 - 4551 - 4552 - 4804 - 4874 and 4977 for permits to appropriate water having been filed with the Division of Water Resources as above stated, protests having been filed, a public hearing having been held and the Division of Water Resources now being fully informed in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Application 4552 be approved and that a permit be issued thereon subject to the usual terms and conditions, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Applications 4489 - 4539 - 4551 - 4804 and 4874 be rejected and cancelled upon the records of the Division of Water Resources, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that action on Application 4977 be withheld pending completion and advertisement when such action may be taken as is appropriate in the premises.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Department of Public Works of the State of California this *8th* day of *May* 1931

EDWARD HYATT, State Engineer

By *Harold Conkhug*  
Deputy

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